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SUBJECT: TFHO1: HONDURAS COUP SITREP #40 08/11/2009 AS OF  
11:00 LOCAL (13:00 EDT)

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 720 AND OTHERS

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DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITY  
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¶1. (SBU) Tegucigalpa: Pro-Zelaya followers marched from the outskirts of Tegucigalpa today to gather in a vicinity of the Clarion Hotel for demonstration targeting the Presidential Palace. The crowd totaled between 3,000 and 5,000. Police kept the demonstrators away from the Presidential Palace, eventually ordering them to disperse. The demonstrators eventually did so, planning to move to a nearby university for the night and regroup on August 12. There were unconfirmed reports of damage to property, but no other violence.

¶2. (SBU) San Pedro Sula: Marchers have entered the city and will congregate at Central Park downtown. The demonstration is medium size (1,000-5,000 people).

¶3. (SBU) The curfew in the zone surrounding the Las Manos border crossing in El Paraiso Department and parts of Choluteca Department was rescinded August 6. The curfew for the rest of the country was rescinded July 31. The Embassy Warden Message urges AmCits to consult television and radio announcements each night in case a curfew is again imposed.

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Infrastructure and Communications  
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¶4. (SBU) Toncontin International Airport in Tegucigalpa (TGU) and San Pedro Sula airport remain open.

¶5. (U) Apart from the police and military control of the Las Manos border crossing (Reftel), all other borders remain open and operating as normal.

¶6. (U) There are no reports of abnormal public utility outages in the country.

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## Consular and Embassy Operations

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¶7. (U) The Embassy is open for normal business on Tuesday, August 11. Barring any changes in the security situation, the Consular Section will remain open for regular consular services until further notice.

¶8. (U) The Consular Section continues to receive sporadic inquiries from AmCits regarding the political situation. Post circulated a Warden Message Thursday, August 6. The Consular Section continues to regularly update ACS information on the Embassy website.

¶9. (SBU) The next EAC meeting will be determined on Wednesday, August 12.  
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